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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION--INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH SELECTED  
AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS

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1. DURING CONVERSATION ON VARIETY OF SUBJECTS, EMBOFF HAD OPPORTUNITY MAY 19 TO DISCUSS SHABA INVASION PER REFTEL WITH PETER POLANGYO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FORNMIN AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST DIVISION.
2. POLANGYO SAID TANGOV SHARED US CONCERNS ABOUT ZAIRE'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. IN FACT, HE SAID, IT IS THE KEY ISSUE. TANGOV HAD NO LOVE FOR MOBUTU, WHO WAS A "DISGRACE" AND WOULD PROBABLY FEEL BOUND TO SUPPORT A GENUINE NATIONALIST MOVEMENT

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THAT SOUGHT TO OVERTHROW HMM. THE KATANGANS, POLANGYO SAID, WERE A "PROBLEM" BECAUSE THEIR INTERESTS SEEMED TO BE CONFINED TO WRESTING SHABA AWAY FROM ZAIRE.

3. POLANGYO HAD OTHER OBSERVATIONS ON ZAIRE. THESE MAY BE MORE OF A PERSONAL NATURE, BUT HE IS FAMILIAR WITH NYERERE'S AND FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA'S THINKING AND HIS VIEWS ARE USUALLY

CLOSE TO THEIRS. POLANGYO SAID HE WAS PLEASED THAT US HAD NOT LEAPED TO ENDORSE MOBUTU'S CLAIMS OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT. HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT ROLE FRENCH AND BELGIANS WOULD PLAY, EVEN IF LIMITED TO RESCUING CITIZENS. WHEN BELGIANS DID THAT IN 1961, HE SAID, 20,000 DEAD CONGOLESE WERE LEFT BEHIND. POLANGYO DISCOUNTED ANY CUBAN OR ANGOLAN ROLE IN SUPPORT OF FNLC. HE WAS DISINCLINED TO ACCEPT THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN "INVASION." HE PREFERRED TO BELIEVE THAT FNLC SUPPORTERS HAD RETIRED INTO THE SHABA BUSH IN 1977 AND HAD REAPPEARED BECAUSE CIRCUMSTANCES AGAIN APPEARED FAVORABLE.

4. TANGOV-CONTROLLED PRESS HAS GIVEN FEATURED TREATMENT TO SHABA FIGHTING, EMPHASIZING FAZ LOSSES. EDITORIAL COMMENTS, OFTEN A GOOD INDICATOR OF TANGOV THINKING, HAVE NOT YET APPEARED. WALKER

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